Friends of
Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

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Where is it located?

The Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge is located in the towns of Mashpee and Falmouth, Massachusetts. It was established in 1995. It covers 5,871 acres. The Capeś largest conservation area is the Cape Cod National Seashore, followed by the Refuge.

Why is it unique?

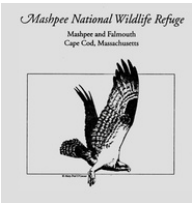
The Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge is the ONLY refuge that is managed cooperatively by eight conservation landowners and the Friends organization: a consortium of federal, state, tribal, private, & nonprofit. It's the model for future refuges.

What is unusual about landscape?

The landscape is extraordinarily diverse within its boundaries, ranging from the salty oceans to freshwater rivers, wetlands and ponds, upland meadows, forests, and supports two globally rare ecosystems: Atlantic white cedar swamps and pine barrens. It has got it all!

How was it named?

The Refuge was named after the Mashpee Wampanog Tribe, the People of the First Light.



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